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Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 38th and 40th meetings, on 18 and 24 December 2001, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement by the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.78 (A/C.5/56/29). At the 38th meeting, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/56/716).

2. Statements and comments made in the course of the Committee's consideration of this question are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/56/SR.38 and 40).

Decision of the Fifth Committee

3. The Fifth Committee, having considered the reports of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/56/29) and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/56/716), endorses the recommendations of the Advisory Committee and in this regard informs the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft

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resolution A/C.2/56/L.78, net appropriations up to $1,220,700 for the biennium 2002-2003 would be required, subject to the procedures for the use and operations of the contingency fund.